The Middle School Good Times

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Pictured above are the newly elected student council officers. Left to right are Theresa Drake, vice president, Rick Walters, president, Theresa Mullins, treasurer, and Ann Baker, secretary.

SPELLING BEE Oct. 20

Over 90 students competed for places in the all school spelling bee which took place last Thursday evening at 7 in the middle school auditorium.

Selection began at the homeroom level as each English class selected five contestants. Then each grade level held competitions to arrive at ten spellers from each grade to compete for the ten spots on the spelling team. The team will compete in the Cloverleaf Spelling Bee in Benton Harbor and in the Grapevine Invitational held in Lawton.

The eighth grade finalists included Scott Bredikis, Michelle Veldt, Anna Knipfel, Elizabeth Larson, Randy Rogers, Jeff Wert, John Henrickson, Greg Watterworth, and alternates Andrew Menard and Tracy Drake and Darci Curtis.

The seventh grade finalists are Tom Underwood, Rinda Teske, Lori Schultz, Beth de Baptiste, John Tapper, Jenny

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. Drury and his wife on the birth of their son Thomas Howard born October 13!

What's Going On?

Have you wondered what is going on as the downstairs rooms are being remodeled? Mrs. Firestone has moved, along with Central Supply, from the room behind the library to room 102. That room was Mrs. Smith's storage room. Moving Mrs. Firestone was not an easy job since much of her work involves supplies and they are now in both the middle school and at Cedar Street.

The high school building trades students are making the old Central Supply into an industrial arts class room. There will be separate painting and staining rooms. Mr. Cassell will move there and his room will become a classroom for Mrs. Kovach. Mr. Lutz will temporarily move to Mrs. Mahanty's health room.

Mr. Lutz' room and Mrs. Kovach's room will have the wall between them knocked out and that will be the new library, which Mr. Drury called the multi-media center because it will have tapes, it will be bigger and there will be more supplementary supplies. If students are good, they can get an honor pass and it they don't want to go outside at lunch, they can go to the library.

The old library will become Mrs. Matson's room. It will provide better lighting and more storage for the art classes.

Mrs. Matson's old room will be Mr. Lutz' science lab. That will move all of the sixth grade into one area on the lower floor so that they won't get lost in an eighth grader's way.

D.C.

Halloween

We would like to help keep your Halloween safe. Here are a few tips you should keep in mind while "Trick or Treating." Be sure to waar a mask with large enough eye holes to see through. If you're going to be out after dark, be sure to bring along a flashlight. Also try to avoid "T or T" alone. If you do "T or T" at all, try to stay in an area where you know the people. One more safe word to remember: don't eat any candy that isn't wrapped before looking it over.

Please have a safe and fun Halloween.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday, November people.

Denise Hamel- Nov.6
Amy Oliver - Nov. 16
Sara Lumm - Nov. 13
Tim Reinoehl- Nov. 4
Mr. Watterworth -Nov. 16
Elizabeth Larson- Nov. 16
David Manocke- Nov. 7
Nikki Curtis- Nov. 12
Julie Buck - Nov. 5
Kelly Porth- Nov. 26

If you know of someone with a birthday in December or January please send that information to room 214 or place in Ms. Swanson's mailbox in the next three-four weeks, by Nov. 30.

AD

For sale: 2 speed BMX bike for $42.50 The speeds don't work too good, chain a little rusty, soft seat, not in too bad of shape. Call 657-6557, Nathan Labadie, C.R. 374.

YUMMY

9 tarantula legs
10 dog toenails
½ c. owl eyes
1 cobweb
1 raven's feather
1 med. sized jar bat wings
1 rat tail
1 pint blood from a howling wolf

Fill black cauldron half full with water and boil for fifteen minutes. Mix blood from a howling wolf with owl eyes nad toenails. Add a rat's tail dipped in a cobweb. Mix in tarantula legs and bat wings. Simmer for ten minutes. Set aside to cool. Test carefully with a raven's feather.

Note: for a richer and creamier flavor add 1 cup instead of a ½ cup eyes. Caution: be sure to use a metal spoon. A wooden one will disintegrate.

a.r. & sl.

WHATEVER!

Needed: male cheerleaders for girls' basketball!

Is Bob Stilson planning to move to the Mid-East and live in the desert? He was seen in phys ed. wearing the red soccer vest wrapped around his Arabian-style.

Soccer provided lots of people a chance to get close to the earth as Jennifer Cella, Rick Walters, Mike Bates, and Amy Pollack all slid on the wet grass. Amy even took a little of the green home with her on her white sweats.

The award for the most unique laugh goes unanimously to Marci Davis. Ask her homeroom! We hope she's laughing as she reads this.

The world will never know how many licks it takes to get to the center of a charm blow pop. Darci Curtis at least won't tell them. She couldn't wait.

bee

SPELLING BEE continued

Johnston, Jenny Lozen, Jenny Fenerman, Mary Warren, Cris Hummel and alternates Sue Wunderlich, Danielle Essex, and Dena Craig.

Sixth grade finalists include Laura Morrison, Shelly Bergeson, Jane McGuire, Heather Smith, Andy Lumm, Gus Harrell, Chris Brill, Scott Brill, Kerstin Kerwin, Colleen Bos, and Jonathan Njus.

Results of the contest were not available until after the paper went to press.

Mr. Crook

Mr. Crook was born in Paw Paw on September 8th. He went to St. Mary's through the 8th grade and then went on to Paw Paw High school. After he graduated, he went to KVCC and played baseball. He graduated from Western Michigan.

He's single and his favorite sport is baseball. His favorite song is "Total Eclipse of the Heart". His favorite food is barbecued ribs.

He likes his room because it's big but he says in Septmeber and May it's t hot. This is his sixth class room. He has taught here for five years. First he taught 7th and 8th and then 6th, then 7th again and now 8th grade. After he graduated from Western, he subbed for three months. He student taught at Black River.

He has a brother in Iowa and a sister in Texas. He says he likes 8th grade.

Mrs Matson

Mrs. Matson has taught school for eleven years, all of them here at the middle school. She has been married for four years. Her husband's name is Jeff. They have no children.Her birthday is January 28 (year unknown).

Mrs. Matson grew up in Chicago and Paw Paw and went to college at W.M.U. When asked her favorite group, she replied, "I'd have to say the Beach Boys." Her favorite song in "Tell her about it" by Billy Joel. Her favorite movie was Body Heat.

In previous years, Mrs. Matson has taught eighth grade English, 6th grade when 6th grade was set up like the elementary, and reading for all grades. When the question was raised what would she do if she could no longer teach, Mrs. Matson answered, "I would either be an interior designer or open a taco stand."

Her favorite color is grey. A special thanks to Mrs. Matson, for we could not have done this interview without her!

A.O.

fighter plane

The date is 1954. You're in the cockpit of a P-40 Flying Tiger and your altitude is 20,000 feet. You look back and see Soviet mig , cannons flashing. You roll to the left and bank high. Suddenly you're on his tail. Your .50 caliber machine guns are roaring non- stop at the Soviet air craft.

Then his airplane is cast in flames and smoke. As you look back and see the twirling flames plumet to the earth, you feel sorry for him. The silence is broken by the radio.

s.p.

Order Brainfri

Hello. Today I'm here to sell you a handy dandy Brainfri.For only $9.99 you can fry your brain and make yourself a vegetable, only three steps after you get your wonderful Brainfri. 1. Get your nose pierced. 2. Hook up Brainfri to ring in nose. (very important) 3. Plug in. (most important.)

Voila! Your brains are well done. If you order now, the Brainfri comes with a ten foot extension cord with adapter. Also you get an on and off switch that

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Instead of the usual listing ofthe Good Times staff, we thought we'd simply sit here and smile at you. Have a happy Halloween from your newspaper staff! (missing from the picture is Joel Parish)

Be different -carve an apple this year.

brainfrier

hooks on to your plug. (but most of the time you won't need it.) The Brainfri works on cooking or defrosting foods. You can make hot drinks with it by dipping the end of the Brainfri into the cup of coffee , chocolate milk or iced tea, plug in and ina few seconds it will be done. The Brainfri has many uses around the house. Just send $9.99 , check or money order to K. Goodwin, 42nd St., Paw Paw. Order now and get the ten foot extension cord, adapter and on off switch. A great value!

Favorite Songs

"What is your favorite song?"was the topic of this week's opinion poll. Shannon Schuring said,"Total Eclipse of the Heart"as did Sherry Flowers and Heather Smith, Tara Twardowski and Missy Dunhammer.

"Beat it" was a favorite for Scott Browne and Tawn Moore. "Rock of Ages" was popular with Yvonne Clemence, Cindy Curtis, Kerrie Anderson, Jeff Stearns, Andrew Menard, Todd Warner, and Vicki Rose.

"Safety Dance" is April Ruthruff's favorite as it was for Mike Johnson, Nickie Hanan, Edna Tovias, Tonya Page, Shelly Bergeson, Brett Lehto, and Susie Copeland. Dawn Deal likes "Maniac". Mr Brill likes "The Streets of Laredo". Mr. Topp likes "Tell her about it!" Carol Ryle likes "Key Largo."

Patty Wiley's favorite is "How aan I live without you?" Bill Curtis likes the theme for Scooby Doo!

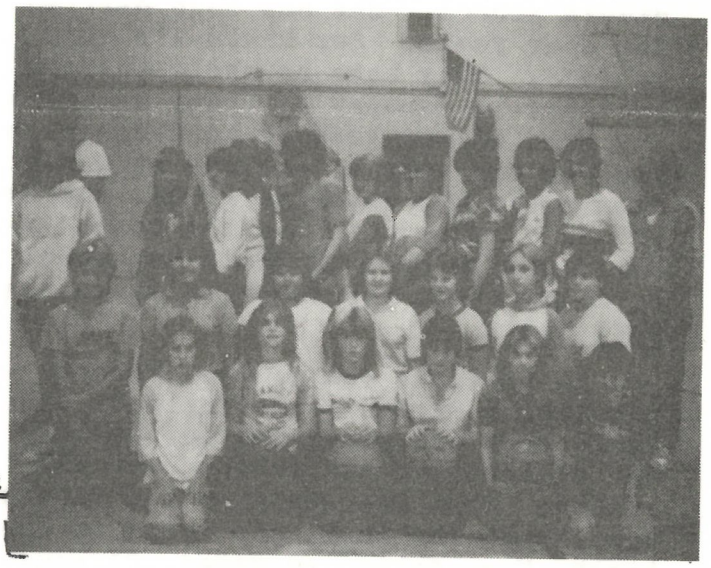
Chris Bartholomew likes "Burning down the House." Melissa Makowski likes "Fascination." Lance Demenport's favorite is "Arthur's Theme." Mike Mumford, Clint Baney, Chris Dzwiecki all like "Human Touch." Jeanine Bos likes " Heart of Glass". Laura Widger likes "Paw Paw for Jesus." Elizabeth Larson's favorite is "China Girl."

Mr. Stenner likes "Moon River." Jill Gregory likes " Dr. Heckle and Mr. Jive" as does Robin Bonarski. Jimmy DeGroff likes "Rock all Night." Kevin Taylor and John Roberts kike "OLd Time Rock and Roll." David Moorian likes "The Star Spangled Banner." Dan Kanwischer and Bob Roy like "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Kendy Reinoehl likes " It's a Mistake." Nic Grochowski likes " Jeopardy." Becky McLemore's favorite is "An Old Flame", Scott Flick's favorite is" Foolin'" and Jane McGuire likes "Every Breath that You Take."

Billy Krumrei liked "Down Under", Tim Bannister likes "Double Dutch Bus", Chris Date likes "Battle of New Orleans" and Roy Barnett's favorite is "Eye of the Tiger." Joanna Lindenbach likes "Sexy and Seventeen." Nikki Dreier likes "Far from Over." Mary Cooper's favorite is "We're Going to Rock this Town,"while Tony Meeker said, "I don't listen to the radio."

Mandy Leonard and Kellie Porth both liked "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Pictured below are the girls who are involved with the intramural basketball program under the coaching of Mrs. McBride. They meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



DEAR SAM,

Dear Sam,

I have a lot of problems from last year. I want to start over. What can I do? P.S. No one likes me except a few people, especially girls.

Problem Yesteryear

Dear Prob.Yest,

Try to establish a good reputation. Then if you think you're not glamorous take a shower. Seriously, it will take time if you were off to a bad start. Just try to be friendly and give people a chance to know you as you are now.

Dear Sam,

I like this boy and he likes me too. I want him to ask me to go with him but the most he ever asked me to do is dance with him at the dance. How do I get him to ask me without seeming too pushy?

Friend

Dear Friend,

I would suggest to wait a couple of weeks. If he doesn't ask you then write a letter or even face to face ask him to go with you. The worst he can say is no.

Dear Sammy,

These school lunches are getting to me. The tacos ' meat leaves crumbs and the chicken and pizza are good if you enjoy slurping puddles of grease. I think I'm getting stomach cancer. Is there such a thing? I feel so sorry for the cooks. They have to have that food on their conscience twenty-four hours a day. Help me. I would rather not have a digestive tract greas infection.

I. am N. Trouble

Dear I.M.N. T.,

Have you considered cold lunch? Talk to your parents about it, and if that doesn't do it, eat only what you think won't contaminate you. P.S. good satire says Sam's typist.

Chronic Trick or Treater Strikes

It was October 31, 1983 about 6:00. The kids had arrived home and my wife Annabel would be home from work soon. Dinner was ready and the table was set. My plan for the evening was all set and about to go into effect. This is how my evening should go. At 6:30 my wife gets home and we eat the wondefful spaghetti dinner I so willingly prepared. At precisely 7:30 she and I would get the kids into their costumes. At 8:00 I get my coat and hat on and grab my bag preparing to leave. At 8:05 I tell my wife and children good bye and say I'm going to watch a football game at my friend Ed's house. Then 8:15 my wife leave for 83rd St. (where they always go trick-or-treating because we know and trust all the people out there.)

At approximately 8:30, I enter the rest stop at the corner of 6th and Strait Streets. There I enter the men's room and get into my costume. First I put on my pajamas, then my bonnet, then tie the pacifier around my neck and fill my bottle with hot coffee out of my thermos. Then I take some pink lipstick and paint rosy cheeks and I'm off. What a sight. Boy do I get the stares!

The worst part, looking back on it now, is all the comments. You wouldn't believe some of the wise cracks. Some old lady laughed so hard I thought she would fall down when she said,"Don't you think you're alittle old, sonny?"

Ha. I mean, give me a break. Some guy said, "What do you prefer, Similac or Geritol?" Like this guy should be partners with Robin Williams. I'm so sure. Like Saturday Night Live material, right?

Well, it has left me really sad. I I returned home almost in tears. But then, I do realize there's always next year. I'll just need a better disguise!

a.o.

ForSale- cheap... one five-year-old sister- See Todd Warner.

Cheering practice at P.P.M.S.

Mr. Stenner

Mr. Stenner is a very happily married English and reading teacher who loves his new wife very much. As of the last week they have been married two and a half months. Their honeymoon was at Lake Geneva and when they went horse back riding, Mrs. Stenner started getting angry when her horse fell down. Don't worry. There were no fatal injuries.

They are not planning to have kids but it is always possible to change the mind.

Mrs. Stenner is 36, and she teaches speech, theatre and English. Mr. Stenner is 29 and teaches English and reading.

Both enjoy golf, bowling and horseback riding as well as swimming. They enjoy all music but punk. Oh and Garfield is a big part of their lives. She even says he reminds her of Garfield.

The song of their life is Moon River.

s.t. & t.d.

AD

Free kittens: call 657-5833- 14 weeks old and litter-trained- 1calico female, 1 grey and white male and 1 black and white male.

Also 18 week old kittens- 1 black and white male and one female, also 1 pure black female- need to find homes.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. MaryEllen Jones has been married for ten months and has three step-children. Her husband's name is Thomas and the five of them live in Schoolcraft.

Mrs. Jones' hobbies are sailing, soccer, reading and her favorite color is blue. In the winter Mrs. Jones enjoys ice-skating, downhill and cross-country skiing . Her favorite foods are Chinese. "Over the Rainbow" is her favorite group is The Beatles. Mrs. Jones' favorite movie was"The Champ."

Mrs. Jones grew up in the big city of Detroit and went to college at Western in Kalamazoo. She has taught for a total of six years, threeof which have been at the middle school. In the past she has taught 5th grade and 3rd.

When asked why she chose to teach home ec., Mrs. Jones replied," I believe there are important every-day skills to be learned."

a.o.

Who will be Who

G.T. reporters asked the sixth graders what they wanted to be for Halloween. Ten wanted to be punk rockers including Nikki Dreier, Cindy Curtis, Yvonne Clemence, Dawn Deal, Cliff Overacker, Shelly Bergeson, Patti Norg, Lynn Utter, Jenny Burrows, and Chris Frank.

Four were going to be army men: Erick Bowers, Shawn Scelbrede, Brett Henson, and David Combs. Three wanted to be monsters: Mike Ignacek, Gus Harrell, and Daniel Triller. Six wanted to be clowns: Tawn Moore, Tara Twardowski, Joanna Lindenbach, Chris Date, Kristin Kerwin and Juanita Daggitt.

Deann Burt wants to be a "Black cat." Jennifer Starbuck and Debbie Short want to be "gypsies." Collen Bos wants to be a "Panda Bear." Becky Underwood would be a "princess", Clint Merchant a "space man", Jeff Dragon a "girl", Mike Makowski "Dr. Jekyll" and Liz Grimm would be an "M &M bag." Nathan Labadie would be "a crook", Nathan Bedecs, "a hobo", Michelle Cronmnwet, "a Valley girl", Scott Buchanan a "soccer player", and Richie Payne a "bike rider."

Doug Shannon would be "a duck" and Michelle Kelly would be a "leprauchan." Jean Hunt would be "a cheerleader" and Michelle Olson a "new wave roller skater. Susie Copeland would be a "China doll."Jim Orguist would be "a skeleton"

If you see any of these characters tonight, you'll have a good idea who they are!!

n.c.